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GUISBOROUGH  
URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

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R E P O R T

for the Year 1965

of the Medical Officer of Health

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TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS  
OF THE  
GUISBOROUGH URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Mr. Chairman, Lady and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my Annual Report for the year 1965, the contents and arrangements of which are in accordance with the regulations of the Ministry of Health.

During the year 94 cases of Infectious Disease were notified and of these Measles accounted for 90. It is worth noting that there was only one new case of Respiratory Tuberculosis within the Urban District and one of the Non-Respiratory form.

There were 155 deaths in the district. Once again diseases of the heart and circulation accounted for the majority of these while deaths from cancer showed a slight increase.

I would like, in conclusion, to thank the Heads of Departments for their co-operation at all times. I am especially grateful to Mr. Pallister, Surveyor and Public Health Inspector, and to Mr. Ward, Additional Public Health Inspector for their help in all matters concerning the health of the District. Finally I wish to acknowledge the great help and hard work of Mr. Nuttall and Miss Fox in the District Health Office.

I am, Madam and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

T. M. B. ROHAN,  
Medical Officer of Health.

October, 1966.



**TABLE 1****Public Health Officers**

Whole Time Officers	Guisborough Urban District	Skelton & Brotton Urban District	Loftus Urban District
Medical Officer of Health who is also Asst. County Medical Officer No. 4 Area N.R.C.C. and School Medical Officer, N.R.C.C.	Dr. T. M.	B. Rohan	
Public Health Inspectors	*Mr. A. T. Pallister	Mr. J. H. Rhodes	*Mr. W. C. Ranson
Additional Public Health Inspectors	Mr. E. Ward	Mr. R. M. Chalmers	Mr. W. Murray

\*Also Surveyor of the district concerned

**County Public Health Staff attached to the Guisborough Area.**

Miss H. M. Bell	Health Visitor/School Nurse
Mrs. W. Raspin	Health Visitor/School Nurse
Mrs. R. E. Alderson	District Nurse/Midwife
Miss E. Kingston	District Nurse/Midwife
Mrs. F. E. Potter	District Nurse (Part-time)
Mrs. N. Rickaby	District Nurse (Part-time)
Mr. R. K. Nuttall	Senior Clerk
Miss D. E. Fox	Clerk Typist.

## SECTION 1.

### Statistics and Social Conditions of the Area

#### Population

The Registrar-General's estimate of the population of the district in the mid-year 1965 is 13,110 as compared to an estimate of the population in the mid-year 1964 of 12,990.

#### General Statistics

I am indebted to the Financial Officer of the Council for the following figures:—

1. Area of the District in acres	....	....	18,948
2. No. of inhabited houses according to the rate books			4,042
3. Rateable Value	....	....	£1,058,143
4. Sum represented by a penny rate	....	....	£4,351

**TABLE 2**

#### Vital Statistics

			MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
Live Births	....	....	142	131	273
Legitimate	....	....	139	129	268
Illegitimate	....	....	3	2	5
Still Births	....	....	4	1	5
Legitimate	....	....	4	1	5
Illegitimate	....	....	—	—	—

The number of births registered is 273, giving a corrected birth rate of 18.3 per 1,000 population compared with the rate of 18.1 for England and Wales.

#### Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age

			MALE	FEMALE
Total	....	....	1	3
Legitimate	....	....	1	3
Illegitimate	....	....	—	—

4 infants under the age of 1 year died, giving an infant mortality of 14.6 per thousand live births compared to the rate for England and Wales of 19.0.

**TABLE 2 — Vital Statistics**  
**CAUSES OF DEATH**

			MALE	FEMALE
Tuberculosis, Respiratory	....	....	1	—
Tuberculosis, other	....	....	—	—
Syphilitic disease	....	....	—	—
Diphtheria	....	....	—	—
Whooping Cough	....	....	—	—
Meningo-coccal infection	....	....	—	—
Acute Poliomyelitis	....	....	—	—
Measles	....	....	—	—
Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases	....	....	—	—
Malignant Neoplasm of Stomach	....	....	—	—
Malignant Neoplasm of Lung, Bronchus	....	....	10	1
Malignant Neoplasm of Breast	....	....	—	2
Malignant Neoplasm of Uterus	....	....	—	2
Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms	....	....	6	2
Leukaemia	....	....	—	—
Diabetes	....	....	—	—
Vascular Lesions of the Nervous System	....	....	8	16
Coronary Disease, Angina	....	....	17	17
Hypertension with Heart Disease	....	....	1	1
Other Heart Diseases	....	....	7	6
Other Circulatory Diseases	....	....	2	3
Influenza	....	....	—	—
Pneumonia	....	....	9	5
Bronchitis	....	....	6	1
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	....	....	1	—
Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum	....	....	—	—
Gastro-enteritis and diarrhoea	....	....	2	—
Nephritis and Nephrosis	....	....	—	—
Hyperplasia of Prostate	....	....	—	—
Pregnancy, child-birth, abortion	....	....	—	—
Congenital malformations	....	....	—	1
Other defined or ill-defined diseases	....	....	6	12
Motor vehicle accidents	....	....	4	—
All other accidents	....	....	3	2
Homicide and operations of war	....	....	—	1
Suicide	....	....	—	—
ALL CAUSES	...	....	83	72

The deaths are classified under thirty-six headings based on the Abbreviated List of International Statistical Classification of Diseases, Injuries and Causes of Death, 1948. 155 deaths of residents gave a corrected death-rate of 11.8 per 1,000 of population compared to 11.5 for England and Wales.

**TABLE 4**  
**NOTIFIABLE DISEASES 1965**  
**(other than Tuberculosis)**

	All Ages	Under 1 year	1 year	2	3	4	5—	10—	15—	25—	35—	45—	65—	Age Un- known
Scarlet Fever ....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Puerperal Pyrexia ....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pneumonia ....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Poliomyelitis (Paralytic)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dysentery ....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Measles ....	90	3	10	18	19	12	28	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Whooping Cough ....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Erysipelas ....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Encephalitis ....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Food Poisoning ....	2	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—



## Infectious Diseases

Table 4 shows the incidence of notifiable diseases except tuberculosis and Table 5 that of tuberculosis.

### TABLE 5

#### Tuberculosis

AGE GROUPS			RESPIRATORY FORM		NON-RESPIRATORY FORM	
			Male	Female	Male	Female
0 to 4	...	....	—	—	—	—
5 to 9	....	....	—	—	—	—
10 to 14	....	....	—	—	—	—
15 to 19	....	....	—	—	—	—
20 to 24	....	....	1	—	—	—
25 to 44	....	....	—	—	—	1
45 to 54	....	....	—	—	—	—
55 to 64	....	....	—	—	—	—
65 to 74	....	....	—	—	—	—
TOTAL			1	—	—	1

One death from tuberculosis occurred in 1965.

### TABLE 6

#### Immunisation and Vaccination

##### Diphtheria Immunisation

		UNDER 1	1 TO 4	5 TO 14	TOTAL
Completed	....	187	89	—	276
Reinforcing Doses	....	—	17	162	179

##### Whooping Cough Immunisation

			0 TO 4	5 TO 14	TOTAL
Completed	....	....	276	—	276

## **Immunisation and Vaccination—*continued***

<b>Smallpox</b>	PRIMARY	RE-VACCINATION
	41	23

Vaccination is available from the family doctor and at the Clinic in Guisborough.

<b>Poliomyelitis</b>	PRIMARY	REINFORCING
	312	119

## **The General Provision of Health Services in the District**

### **1. Laboratory Facilities**

This work is now done at the Public Health Laboratory, Middlesbrough, only the biological test for tuberculous milk being carried out at the Public Health Laboratory, Northallerton.

### **2. National Health Service Act, 1946**

With certain exceptions the Guisborough Area Health Sub-Committee of the Health Committee of the County Council exercises the functions of the Local Health Authority in supervising the day to day administration of the services provided under this Act. The Committee met every two months. It is composed of members of the County Council, of the three District Councils of Guisborough, Skelton and Brotton, and Loftus, and of certain co-opted members. Among the services administered are the following:—

Domestic Help Service	Home Nursing
Prevention of illness: Care and After Care	Health Visiting
Ambulance Service	Midwifery
Vaccination and Immunization	Care of Mothers and Young Children.

### **3. Prevention of Illness—Care and After-Care**

The work previously carried out under this heading by the Voluntary Care Committee is now being undertaken by the Guisborough Area Health Sub-Committee. Enquiries and requests for assistance may be made to the Medical Officer of Health, District Health Office, Park Lane, Guisborough. (Telephone: Guisborough 2521).

### **4. National Assistance Acts, 1948 and 1951 — Section 47.**

It has been possible to avoid advising the Local Sanitary Authorities to have recourse to the procedure laid down in these Acts.

## SECTION II

### Water Supplies

With the exception of some outlying farms, water is supplied by the Tees Valley and Cleveland Water Board. The supply to the area throughout the year has been of satisfactory quantity and bacteriological purity.

#### Water Samples

TEES VALLEY AND CLEVELAND WATER BOARD				
Number of samples taken and submitted for Bacteriological Examination				
AREA	NO. OF SAMPLES	RESULT		
Guisborough U.D.	11	Satisfactory		11

### Inspection and Supervision of Food

#### Ice Cream

Under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, all premises used for the manufacture, sale and storage of ice cream have to be registered by the Local Authority. The number registered for the storage and sale of pre-packed ice cream is 46. There is one cold mix ice cream manufacturer in the district. Regular routine inspections have been carried out during the year.

#### Food Poisoning

No outbreak of food poisoning has been notified during the year.

#### Bakehouses

There are two bakehouses in the district. 8 inspections and visits were made and no defects found.

#### Fish and Chip Shops

There are seven fish frying premises in the district. These were inspected on fourteen occasions.

#### Food Hygiene Regulations, 1955

Regular inspections have been carried out during the year and informal action was taken on several occasions, the requirements asked for being provided.

#### Food Retail Premises

6 premises are licensed under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, for the manufacture of sausages, brawn, pies, etc. 85 visits of inspection were made during the year and 319 tins of various foodstuffs weighing approximately 495½ lbs. were voluntarily surrendered as unfit for human consumption.

#### Meat Inspection

100% inspection of all animals slaughtered for human consumption has been carried during the year and for this purpose 699 visits were made. 575¾ lbs. of meat and offal were condemned as being diseased or otherwise unfit for human consumption and the whole of this amount was voluntarily surrendered.

TABLE 7

## Carcasses and Offal inspected and condemned in whole or in part

	Cattle exclud- ing cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed .....	621	21	13	2683	1192	—
Number inspected .....	621	21	13	2683	1192	—
<b>All diseases except Tuberculosis &amp; Cysticerci</b> .....						
Whole carcasses condemned .....	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned .....	14	3	—	13	24	—
Percentage of the number inspected affected with dis- ease other than tubercul- osis and cysticerci .....	2.25%	14.28%	—	0.48%	2.00%	—
<b>Tuberculosis only:</b>						
Whole carcasses condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned .....	—	—	—	—	3	—
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis .....	—	—	—	—	0.25%	—
<b>Cysticercosis</b>						
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned .....	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcasses submitted to treat- ment by refrigeration .....	—	—	—	—	—	—
Generalised and totally con- demned .....	—	—	—	—	—	—

There are 5 licensed slaughterhouses in the Area, and 12 licensed slaughtermen.

## HOUSING

### Housing Statistics

#### New houses erected in 1965

(a) By private owners	....	....	....	80
(b) By the Council	....	....	....	Nil

#### 1. *Inspection of dwellinghouses during the year*

1.	(a) Total number of dwellinghouses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	....	....	35
	(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	....	....	56
2.	(a) Number of dwellinghouses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 and 1932	....	....	—
	(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	....	....	—
3.	Number of dwellinghouses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation			2
4.	Number of dwellinghouses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found to be not in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	....	....	10

#### 2. *Remedy of defects during the year without service of formal notices*

(1)	Number of defective dwellinghouses rendered fit or repaired in consequence of informal action by the local authority or their officers	....	....	....	....	10
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#### 3. *Action under Statutory Powers during the year*

##### A. Proceedings under Sections 9 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1957

(1) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	....	....	....	—
(2) Number of dwellinghouses rendered fit after service of formal notices				
(a) By Owners	....	....	....	—
(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners			....	—

##### B. Proceedings under Public Health Acts

(1) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	....	....	—
(2) Number of dwellinghouses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices			
(a) By Owners	....	....	—
(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners	....	....	—



## Housing Statistics—continued

C. Proceedings under Section 17 of the Housing Act, 1957				
(1)	Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	....	....	—
(2)	Number of dwellinghouses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	....	....	—
D. Proceedings under Section 16, 17, 18, 26 and 35, Housing Act, 1957				
(1)	Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which closing orders were made	....	....	2
(2)	Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit	....	....	—
4. <i>Housing Act, 1957, Part 4, Overcrowding</i>				
(1)	Number of dwellings overcrowded at end of year	....		Not known
(2)	Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during year	....		Nil
<i>House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959</i>				
(1)	(a) Number of Improvement Grants made	....	....	18
	(b) Number of Improvement Grants refused	....	....	—
(2)	(a) Number of applications for Standard Grants	....	....	11
	(b) Number of applications for Standard Grants refused	....	....	—
<i>Rent Act 1957. Application for Certificates of Disrepair.</i>				
1.	(a) Number of applications for Certificates of Disrepair	....	....	Nil
	(b) Number of Decisions to issue Certificates			
	(1) in respect of some but not all defects	....	....	Nil
	(2) in respect of all defects	....	....	Nil
	(c) Number of undertakings given by landlords under paragraph 5 of First Schedule	....	....	Nil
	(d) Number of undertakings refused by Local Authority under proviso to paragraph 5 of the First Schedule	....	....	Nil
	(e) Number of Certificates of Disrepair issued	....	....	Nil
2. <i>Application for Cancellation of Certificates of Disrepair</i>				
(a)	Applications by Landlord to Local Authority for cancellation of Certificate	....	....	Nil
(b)	Objections by tenants to cancellation of Certificate	....	....	Nil
(c)	Decisions by Local Authority to cancel in spite of tenants objection			Nil
(d)	Certificates cancelled by Local Authority	....	....	Nil

## SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DISTRICT

### Nuisances

Total number of inspections made for nuisances only	350
Nuisances found	350
Nuisances in hand previous year	—
Total needing abatement	350
Abated during the year	328
Number of summonses or legal proceedings	— Nil.

### Drainage and Sewerage

With the exception of outlying farms and villages, the District is served by public sewers discharging into various sewage disposal works, with the sewers of the Wilton parish discharging into the sewers of Eston Urban District Council.

Normal extensions to the sewerage system in the District have taken place in connection with private house development.

The extension of Guisborough sewage disposal works, including the diversion and renewal of various sewers, has been satisfactorily completed.

No further progress has been made with the sewerage of Yearby Village.

The Council's consulting engineers have been instructed to prepare a new scheme of sewage disposal for the village of Newton-under-Roseberry, tenders have now been accepted and work is to commence early in 1966.

### Closet Accommodation

1 sanitary pan closet was converted to a water closet.

The whole of Guisborough is now on the water carriage system.

Several properties in Yearby Village still require conversion, the work being delayed owing to the lack of adequate sewage disposal facilities.

80 water closets were provided for new buildings in Guisborough during the year.

### Public Cleansing (Refuse and Disposal)

A weekly collection of house and trade refuse is maintained throughout the District. Refuse is disposed of by means of controlled tipping.

### Smoke Control/Clean Air

No complaints of smoke nuisance were received during the year.

The following table shows the deposit in tons per square mile in respect of the deposit gauges at Guisborough.

## ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION TESTS

DEPOSIT GAUGE ROBIN'S BARN DEPOT, GUISBOROUGH					DEPOSIT GAUGE BURTON'S FACTORY, WEST END, GUISBOROUGH				DEPOSIT GAUGE CHESTNUT CLOSE, LAZENBY			
Month	Ph Value	Rain- fall	Undissolved Matter	Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	Ph Value	Rain- fall	Undissolved Matter	Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	Ph Value	Rain- fall	Undissolved Matter	Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>
Jan.	4.1	2.72	3.27	0.60	5.4	2.75	1.97	0.87	—	—	—	—
Feb.	5.2	2.32	10.19	1.21	5.8	2.33	6.48	1.22	6.0	1.32	7.28	1.25
March	5.6	1.62	7.18	1.06	5.6	1.56	4.69	0.67	5.7	1.16	5.18	1.17
April	5.5	2.49	6.11	0.97	5.4	2.62	5.48	0.90	6.1	2.25	6.98	1.80
May	5.8	1.95	7.35	1.14	5.4	2.15	5.60	0.78	5.1	2.44	8.95	1.71
June	5.6	1.58	5.38	0.78	5.5	1.68	4.10	0.62	5.7	1.49	5.42	0.82
July	5.4	2.97	5.01	1.11	5.0	2.96	4.62	0.71	5.4	2.70	9.56	1.78
Aug.	5.7	2.67	5.04	1.05	5.2	2.50	3.82	0.24	5.0	2.17	5.60	1.31
Sept.	5.1	4.95	3.94	0.58	Invalid				5.2	4.87	9.90	1.79
October	6.2	0.78	3.02	0.43	„	„	„	„	6.4	0.67	3.38	0.72
Nov.	5.2	4.88	11.16	2.97	„	„	„	„	4.8	4.77	7.15	2.07
Dec.	5.2	0.89	5.52	0.80	„	„	„	„	6.3	0.85	6.41	2.05

### Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949—Rodent Control

During the year the Council's sewers were treated twice in accordance with the technique recommended by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food. Routine surveys have been carried out in connection with farms, business premises, dwelling-houses, etc. and at the year end 34 houses, and 4 other premises, including business premises, had been treated. The poison used has been 'Warfarin' which gives good results and is used to deal with almost every infestation.

### Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960

There are 2 licensed sites. These were inspected on 3 occasions.

### Shops Act, 1950

81 visits were paid under the above Act. One unsatisfactory condition was found; this was remedied by informal action.

### Mortuaries

One at the Admiral Chaloner Hospital.



### Byelaws in force in the District

Byelaws in respect of cleansing of footpaths and pavements; nuisances; common lodging houses and slaughterhouses: 24th July, 1893.

Byelaw with respect to tents, vans and sheds: 16th November, 1917.

Byelaws in respect of new streets and buildings: 27th April, 1925.

Building Byelaws: 10th March, 1939.

Byelaws with respect to swimming baths and bathing pools: 18th October, 1946.

Byelaws in connection with the handling, wrapping and delivery of Food and Sale of Food in the open air: 10th July, 1950.

Byelaws in respect of Smoke Pollution: 1st August, 1957.

Building Byelaws (Thermal Insulation), 1960.

Control of Dogs on Roads (Guisborough) No. 1 Order, 1963.

### FACTORIES ACT, 1961

The following figures have been returned to the Director of Statistics, Ministry of Labour and National Service, regarding factories in the district.

**TABLE 8.**

**1. Inspections** for the purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspector).

Premises	No. on Register	No. of Inspections	No. of written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(I) Factories in which Section 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities .....	23	29	—	—
(II) Factories not included in (I) in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority .....	6	8	—	—
(III) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises) ....	—	—	—	—
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>29</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>

## **Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963.**

Premises Registered	....	....	....	97
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Consisting of:

Offices	....	21
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Shops	....	68
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Warehouse	....	1
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Catering Establishments	7
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Visits made (including 8 detailed inspections of premises)	....	....	....	22
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Defects found and remedied

Section 6; Temperature	....	1
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Section 24; First Aid provisions	....	3
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Section 7; Ventilation	....	1
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